Questions to address from New Mexico Congressional delegation (8/10/15 letter)

1. There was a troubling lack of communication from EPA to federal, state and local officials. Congressional offices, state leaders and constituents had to learn details from the news before hearing from EPA.

2. Many NM constituents still feel EPA isn't providing timely information.

3. EPA should establish a single point of contact to oversee EPA's efforts.

4. They are concerned that data that has been released by Region 8 was slow to be shared with the State of New Mexico.
   Region 6?

5. They want the establishment of a toll free number for New Mexico because there is one for Colorado.
   Region 6? However, to clarify Region 8 only has a number set up for citizens to request testing of drinking water wells.

6. They have not yet been presented with a comprehensive plan from the agency to provide water to those whose wells have been affected, farmers whose crops are not being irrigated, ranchers whose livestock are without water, and people for drinking, cooking, and showering.

7. They request a detailed plan from EPA to address this lack of water in San Juan County and the Navajo Nation.
   Region 6?

8. EPA should begin fulfilling the current requests submitted by all of the State partners, including a mobile lab for water quality tests.
   Region 6?
   Any info on Region 8 mobile lab?

9. Did EPA have a mitigation plan in place prior to the spill in an effort to prepare for any adverse outcomes during work on the Gold King Mine.

10. Can EPA provide assurances that it has or is developing contingency plans for any additional mine failures, heavy rain events, or any other scenario that could worsen the situation?

11. Is EPA conducting any similar work on other mines in the Region?

12. If so, have those efforts been halted?

13. If so, does EPA have mitigation plans in place for those mines?

14. They believe there is a responsibility to make whole all of those who have been harmed economically in a timely fashion.